

## Warren County Veterans Service Officer's Report for October 2012

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### NO fee for Veterans benefit services~

Warren County Veterans' Services along with every other county in NYS offers FREE services to Veterans looking to find out what their benefits are. Across the United States certain entities are charging a fee for these services, although this is mostly being aimed at Assisted Living Facilities. There are Veterans out there that are not aware that there are legitimate free Veterans services available to assist them.

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### Veterans Legal Clinic~Offered by the Legal Aid Society of Northeastern NY

For screening and appointment call: Kristie at 518-689-6322

All calls will be returned in a timely manner, please leave only one message.

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### Next scheduled Leatherstocking Honor Flight~

The next scheduled flight is Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. If you know a WWII Veteran that would like to go AT NO COST or if you would like to participate on one of the LHF as a guardian the cost is \$350, please contact my office for additional information.

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### AARP~

During the Month of November the AARP Safe Driving course will be free for the Veteran and their spouse. You can save 10% off your auto insurance and/or remove 4 points from your license. Call 1 800 350-7025 for a course near you.

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**Stop Loss Retroactive Pay Deadline is Oct. 21:** The deadline to apply for Retroactive Stop Loss Special Pay has been re-instated and extended to October 21, 2012. Service members and veterans whose military service was involuntarily extended under the "Stop Loss" program between the 9/11 terrorist attacks and Sept. 30, 2009, are eligible for special retroactive pay for the hardships the involuntary extensions caused. Eligible members or their beneficiaries may submit a claim to their respective military service to receive \$500 for each full or partial month served in a Stop Loss status. Because the majority of those eligible had separated from the military, many eligible service members, veterans and their beneficiaries are not aware of the benefit. For more information, go to [http://www.defense.gov/home/features/2010/0710\\_stoploss/](http://www.defense.gov/home/features/2010/0710_stoploss/).